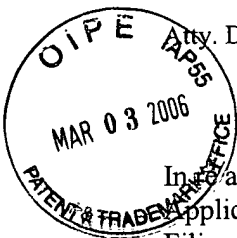


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In application of: Gary R. Janik et al.

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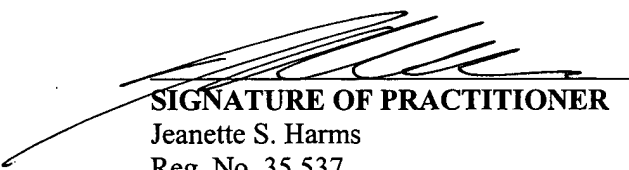
1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. **STATUS:** Applicant is other than a small entity.
3. **EXTENSION OF TERM:** The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$360 =	\$0
Total					Addit. Fee	\$0

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE DEFICIENCY:** If any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0574.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FOURTH OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1, 8-21, 24, 27, 33-37, 41, 43, 44, 47, 51, and 52 are pending in the present application. Claim 51 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6355494 (Livengood). Claims 1, 8, 14, 17-21, and 24 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over US Patent 5669979 (Elliot). Claims 9-13 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Elliot in view of US Patent 6472295 (Morris). Claim 16 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Elliot in view of US Patent 6333485 (Haight). Claims 27, 33, 35-37, 41, 44, and 47 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Elliot in view of US Patent 4876983 (Fukuda). Claims 34 and 43 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Elliot in view of Fukuda and Morris. Claim 52 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Livengood. Claims 1, 20, 27, 36, 37, 41, 51, and 52 are amended herein.